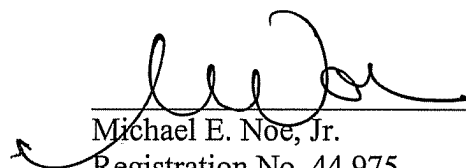


REMARKS

Applicant certainly appreciates the allowance of Claims 7, 9-13, 15-17 and 19, and the suggestions offered by the Examiner to overcome the objections to Claims 4 and 5. Accordingly, Claim 1 was amended to include the language of canceled Claim 5.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and favorable action is requested. No fee for an extension of time or any other fees are believed to be required. However, in the event that any additional fees are required, please charge them to **Hitachi Global Storage Technologies' Deposit Account Number 50-2587.**

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